

REMARKS

Claims 68, 73-77, 86, 94, 105, 106, 109-112, and 115-134 are pending in the application. Claims 1-67, 69-72, 78-85, 87-93, 95, 96-104, 107, 108, 113, and 114 have been canceled. Claims 68, 73, 109, 110, 112, 115-119, 130, 133, and 134 are the only independent claims.

Interview Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Farah for the kind courtesy of the telephone interview of 17 February 2010 and the assistance and direction provided by the Examiner as to amending the claims. In brief, the Examiner pointed out how amending the claim preambles to recite the prevention purpose of the invention and similarly amending the bodies of the claims would put the claims in condition for allowance.

Applicant notes that the prevention purpose was indirectly recited in the claims with respect to “selecting pulse parameters including pulse duration and total energy so as to at least reduce the incidence or likelihood of non-cancerous visible damage to the skin including radiation dermatitis, sunburns, and poikiloderma.” The present amendment makes this prevention purpose explicit.

Applicant hereby incorporates and reiterates observations made in prior submissions with respect to the differences between the present invention and the various teachings of the McDaniel reference.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue additional subject matter in a divisional application.

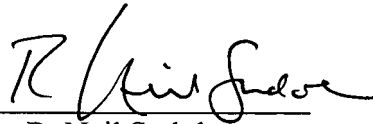
The title is amended to accord with the claims as amended herein.

Should the Examiner believe that direct contact with applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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